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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005–06 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 5

Introduced by Assembly Members Mountjoy and Goldberg

January 6, 2005

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 5—Relative to the Abiel Barron Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 5, as amended, Mountjoy. Highways.

This measure would designate a portion of State Highway Route 138 as the Abiel Barron Memorial Highway. The measure also would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing that special designation, and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, The calling to be a peace officer is one of the
2 highest vocations of public service, and any individual who
3 accepts this calling is worthy of the highest respect and honor the
4 community, state, and nation can provide; and
5 WHEREAS, Los Angeles Police Department Detective Abiel
6 Barron, Serial Number 24314, was killed in the line of duty
7 during the evening hours of June 25, 2003. Detective Barron was
8 conducting a followup investigation in the Palmdale/Lancaster
9 area and was traveling on State Highway Route 138 near its
10 junction with State Highway Route 15 at Mormon Rocks when a
11 driver attempting to pass slower moving vehicles on the two-lane

1 highway collided head-on with Detective Barron's police
2 vehicle; and

3 WHEREAS, Abiel Barron succumbed to injuries as a result of
4 the collision; and

5 WHEREAS, Abiel Barron is survived by his wife Anne Marie
6 Barron, daughter Lauren Barron, mother Magda Barron, brothers
7 Sam and Arnold Barron, sister Magda Barron, and many beloved
8 family members and friends; and

9 WHEREAS, Abiel Barron was born November 27, 1953, and
10 lived in the Fontana area with his wife. Abiel Barron attended
11 and graduated from high school in the southern California area
12 and after high school worked as an auditor for a financial
13 institution in San Francisco; and

14 WHEREAS, Abiel Barron began his career with the Los
15 Angeles Police Department after graduating from the police
16 academy in 1983, and after successfully completing probation
17 was assigned to field duties in Newton Street Division in South
18 Los Angeles; and

19 WHEREAS, Abiel Barron made significant contributions to
20 public safety while assigned to the Newton Street Division for
21 the next 12 years; and

22 WHEREAS, Abiel Barron was promoted to the rank of
23 detective in 1995 and served in the capacity of an investigator in
24 the Los Angeles Police Department's Gun Detail. After
25 successfully completing his detective probationary period,
26 Detective Barron returned to his assignment of choice, that of a
27 homicide investigator in the Newton Street Division; and

28 WHEREAS, Abiel Barron provided distinguished service to
29 that community until he attained a new assignment as a detective
30 at the Los Angeles Police Department's northeast area in 2000;
31 and

32 WHEREAS, Abiel Barron continued to serve with distinction
33 as a sex crimes investigator until his assignment to the Northeast
34 Area homicide detail in 2001; and

35 WHEREAS, Abiel Barron distinguished himself as a superior
36 homicide investigator in 2002, and was nominated for an award
37 for bravery in saving the life of a despondent woman attempting
38 to commit suicide by jumping from a bridge at the Los Angeles
39 River. Detective Barron was awarded the Los Angeles Police

1 Department's "Police Medal" for bravery that was presented to
2 his wife posthumously; and

3 WHEREAS, Abiel Barron served 19 years and 7 months as a
4 sworn peace officer for the Los Angeles Police Department and
5 was known and respected by his fellow peace officers for his
6 dedication to the Los Angeles Police Department and to the
7 citizens of our state; now, therefore, be it

8 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
9 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates, in
10 acknowledgment of the many years of dedicated public service to
11 the citizens of California provided by Abiel Barron, that portion
12 of State Highway Route 138 from ~~eastbound mile marker 12.50~~
13 ~~to westbound mile marker 13.28~~ Lone Pine Canyon Road to
14 Kruse Road as the Abiel Barron Memorial Highway; and be it
15 further

16 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
17 to determine the cost of appropriate signs at those mile markers
18 on State Highway Route 138, consistent with the signing
19 requirements for the state highway system, showing this special
20 designation, and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources
21 sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs; and be it further

22 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit
23 copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.